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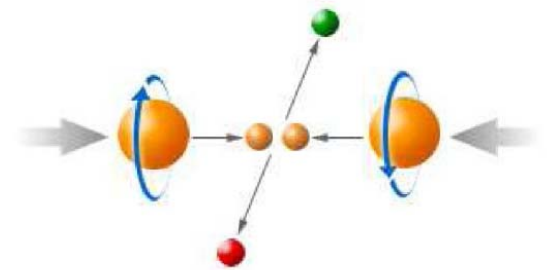
Status of Fragmentation Functions and Polarized Parton Densities

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How can we use the successful framework of pQCD to further our understanding of nucleon structure and hadronization ??

■ determining spin-dependent
parton densities from data



brief overview of the four most recent analyses

AAC

PRD74(2006)014015; hep-ph/0612037

only DIS data, not fully up-to-date
impact of PHENIX π^0 studied
uncertainties (Hessian method)

Sassot et al.

PRD71(2005)094018;74(2006)011502(R)

most comprehensive analysis so far
DIS+SIDIS data
impact of PHENIX π^0 studied
uncertainties (Lagrange multiplier)

LSS

PRD73(2006)034023;75(2007)074027

only DIS data but latest set
uncertainties (Hessian?); HT fit
uncertainties increase with time

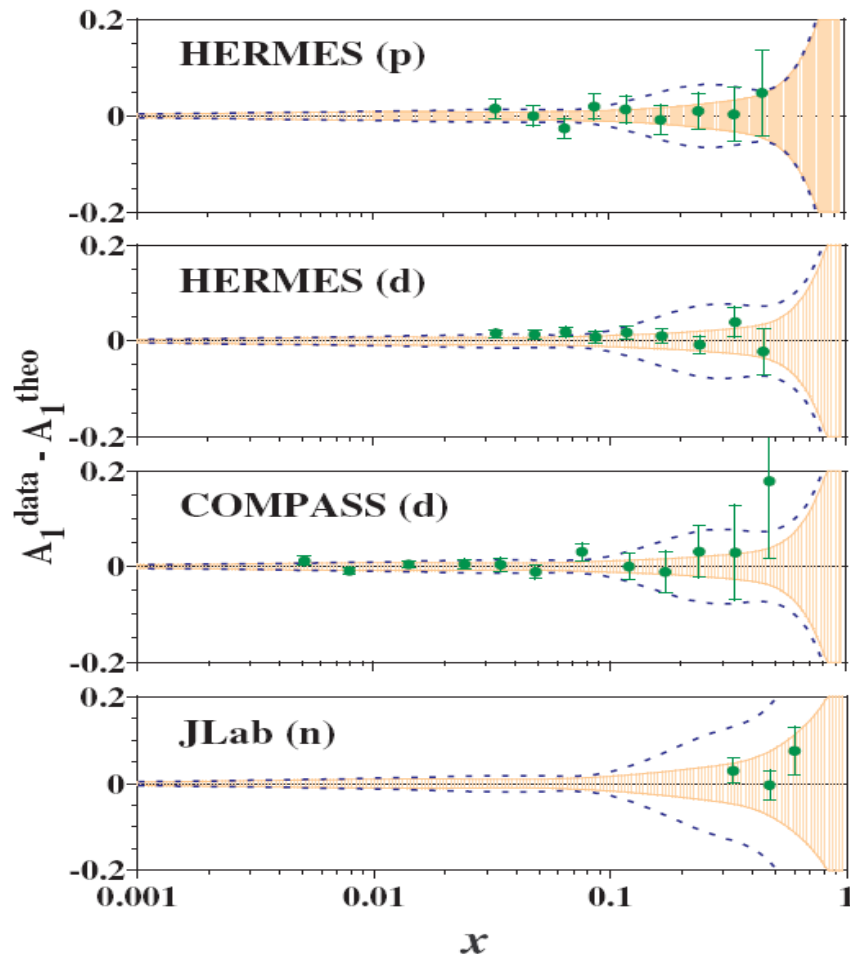
COMPASS

hep-ex/0609038;arXiv:0704.3600[hep-ex]

only DIS data but latest set
2 solutions for Δg with small errors

disclaimer: none of these four is a full global analysis

AAC analysis Hirai, Kumano, Saito

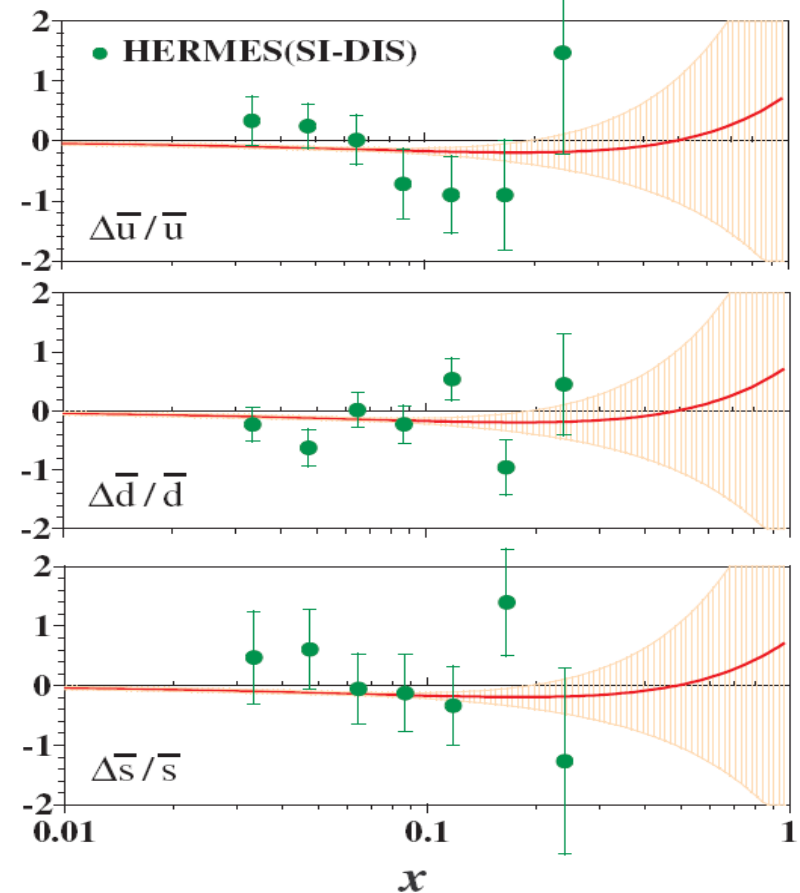


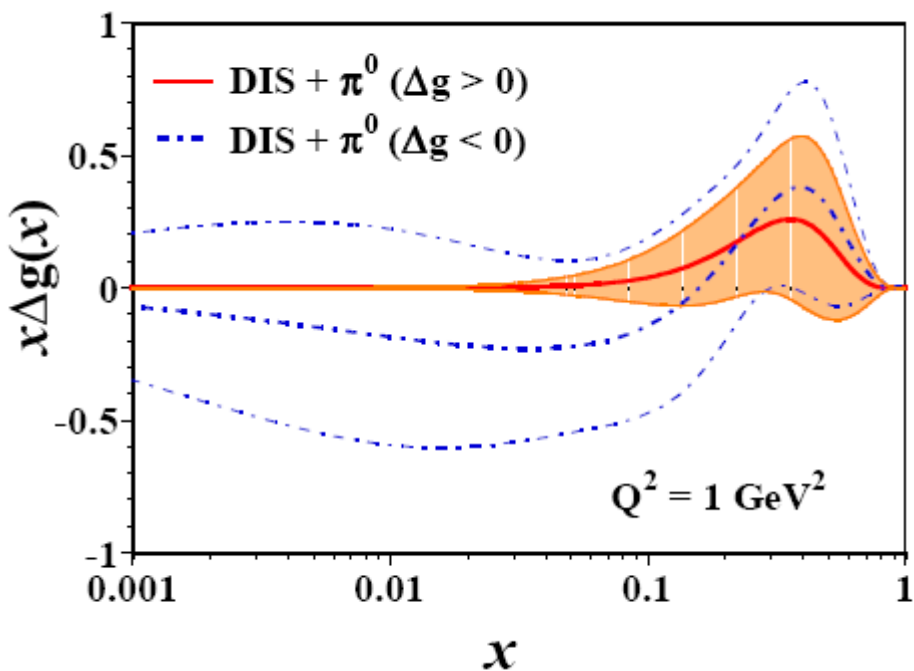
- pdf uncertainties: Hessian method

$$[\delta\Delta f]^2 = \Delta\chi^2 \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial\Delta f}{\partial a_i} H_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial\Delta f}{\partial a_j}$$

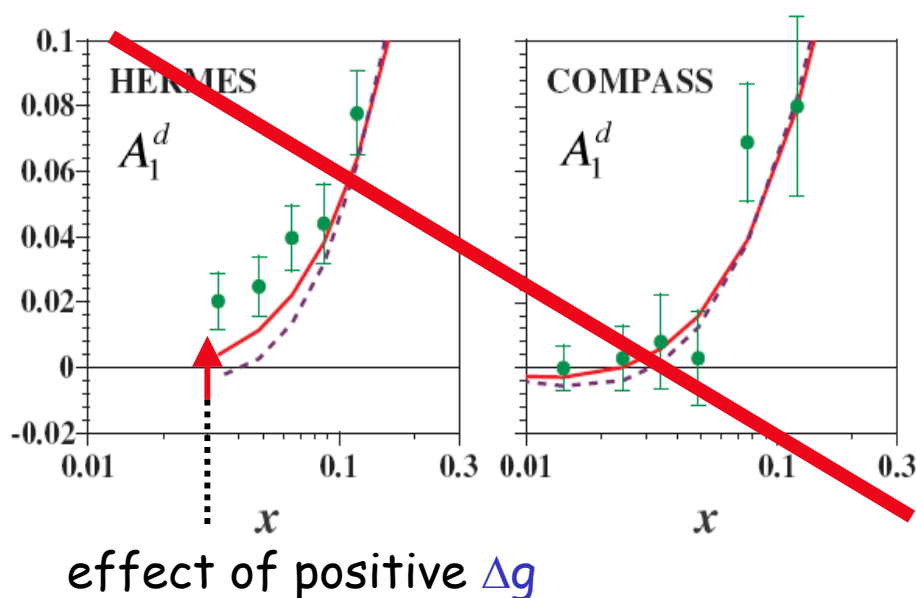
use $\Delta\chi^2 = 12.64$ for 1- σ errors

- only polarized DIS data fitted
- assume* SU(3) symmetric sea (compatible with HERMES SIDIS data)





- **DIS only:** Δg unconstrained
 [find $\int_0^1 \Delta g(x) dx = 0.47 \pm 1.08$]
+pp data: large pos. Δg disfavored
 [find $\int_0^1 \Delta g(x) dx = 0.31 \pm 0.32$]
 but also $\Delta g < 0$ possible!
 [find $\int_0^1 \Delta g(x) dx = -0.56 \pm 2.16$]
 (similar to old GRSV analysis)

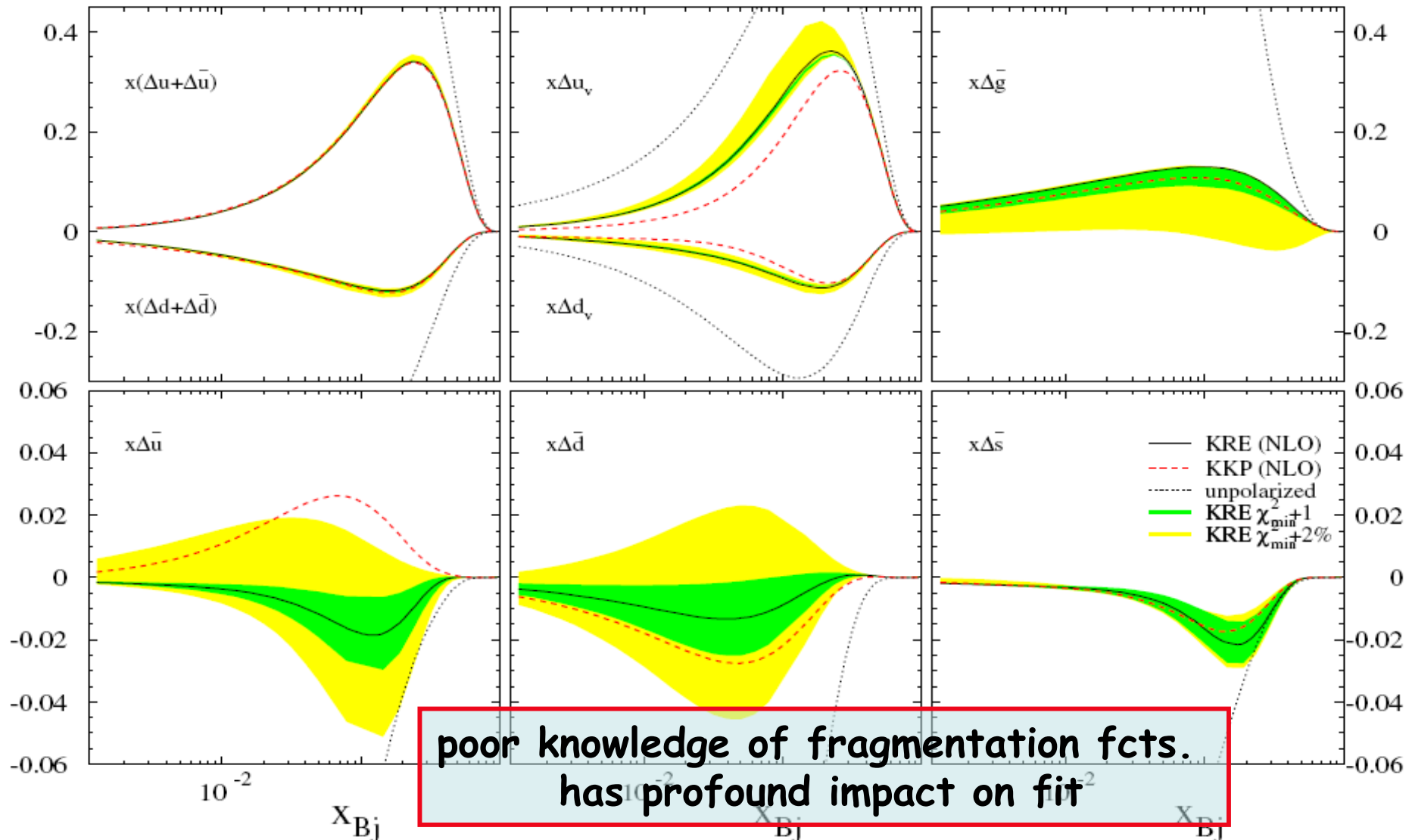


additional new finding:

- "tension" in A_1 (deuteron) data
 → Δg positive at large- x
 $\int_{0.1}^1 \Delta g(x) dx \simeq 0.3 \pm 0.35$
 tension gone in latest data sets
 conclusion for Δg ?

Sassot et al. DIS+SIDIS fit

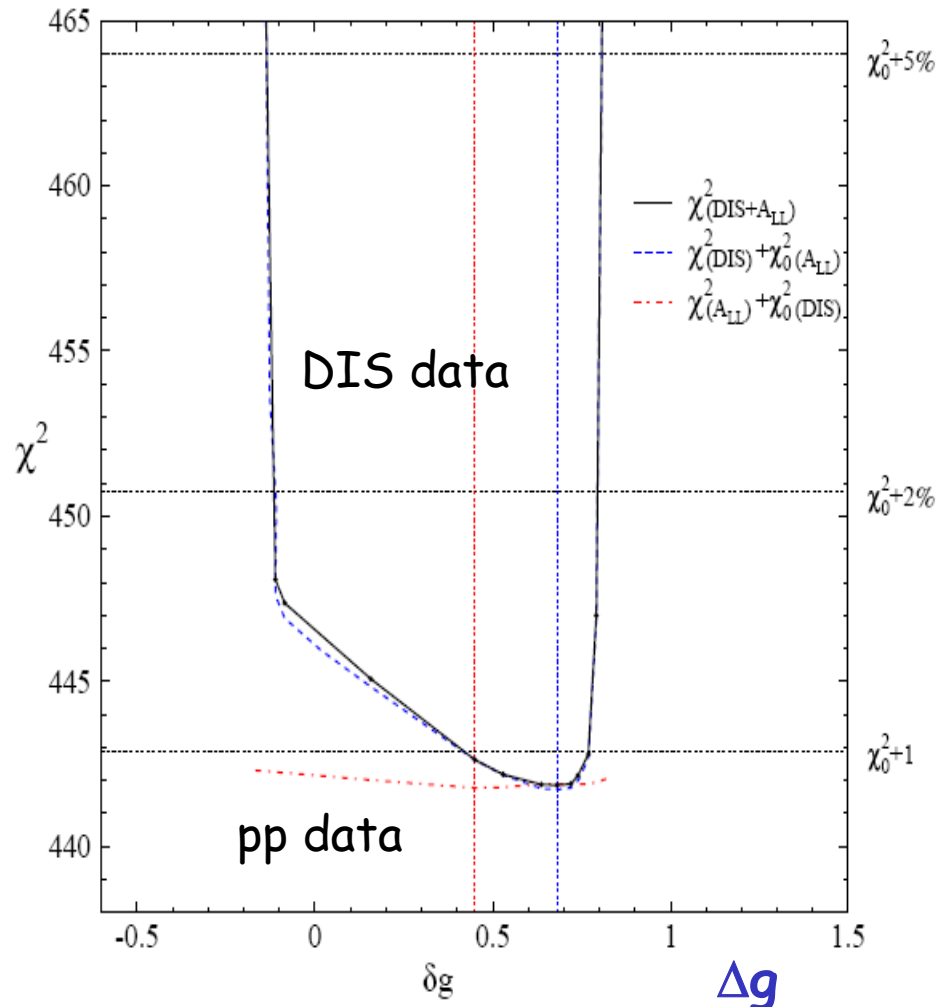
- full NLO global analysis of DIS + SIDIS data plus study of A_{LL} (pions)



- full flavor separation from SIDIS (compatible with an SU(3) sym. sea)
- pdf uncertainties from Lagrange multiplier method

$$\Phi(\lambda_i, a_j) = \chi^2(a_j) + \sum_i \lambda_i O_i(a_j)$$

use $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$ or 2 (5) % variation



find:

- $\int_0^1 \Delta g(x, 10\text{GeV}^2) = -0.107 \div 0.807$
(for a 2% variation in χ^2)
- from DIS/SIDIS alone: $\Delta g \gtrsim 0$
run-5 pp pion data:
consistent but no extra constraint
different from AAC, GRSV
- χ^2 profiles are not parabolic
→ invalidates Hessian method

LSS DIS fit

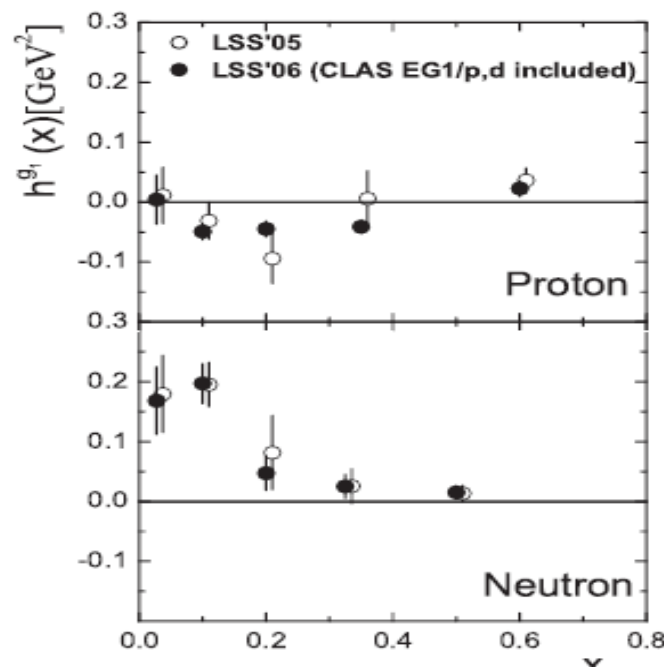
Leader, Sidorov, Stamenov

- incl. latest DIS data
- *assume* SU(3) symmetric sea
- "home-made" g_1 data

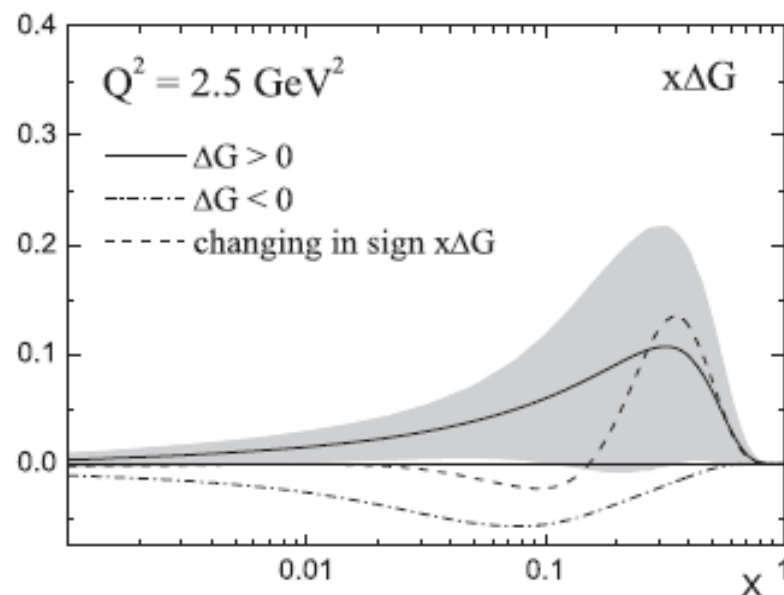
$$\frac{g_1(x, Q^2)|_{LT} + h(x)/Q^2}{F_1(F_2, R)|_{exp}}$$

→ fit of higher twist

- error analysis (Hessian ??)
incl. stat.+sys.; bands for $\Delta\chi^2=1$ (?)
- before 2006:
 Δg *positive* with *small* errors
- latest analysis:
sign now undetermined; possible node
find small $\int_0^1 |\Delta g(x)| dx \simeq 0.3$



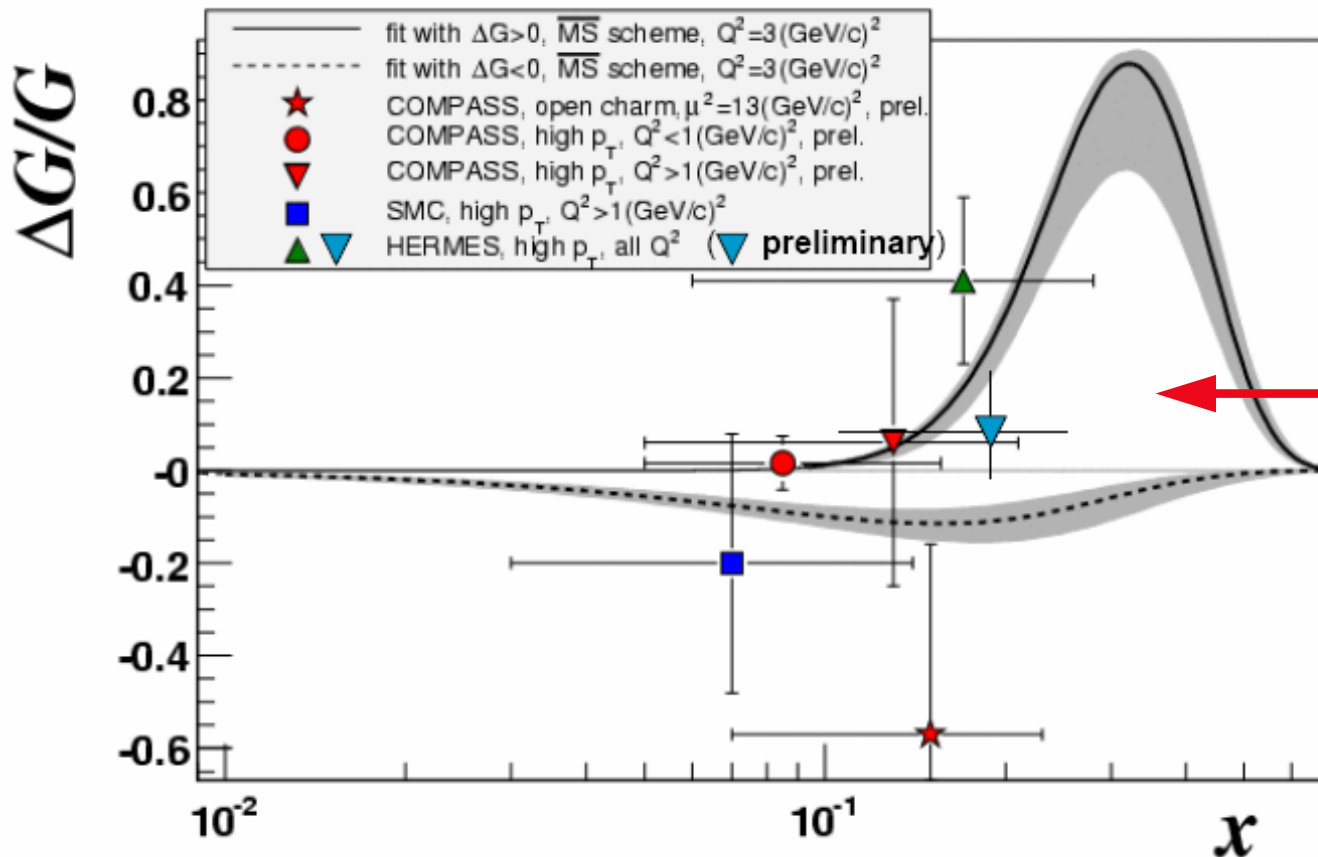
mainly
driven
by CLAS
data



COMPASS DIS fit

- based on latest DIS data
- set-up similar to old SMC QCD fit
- two “solutions” for Δg with *very* small errors

“warning”:
in global analyses
 $\Delta\chi=1$ does not reflect
“real” errors (CTEQ, ...)
 $\Delta\chi^2=1 \div 2\%$ more realistic

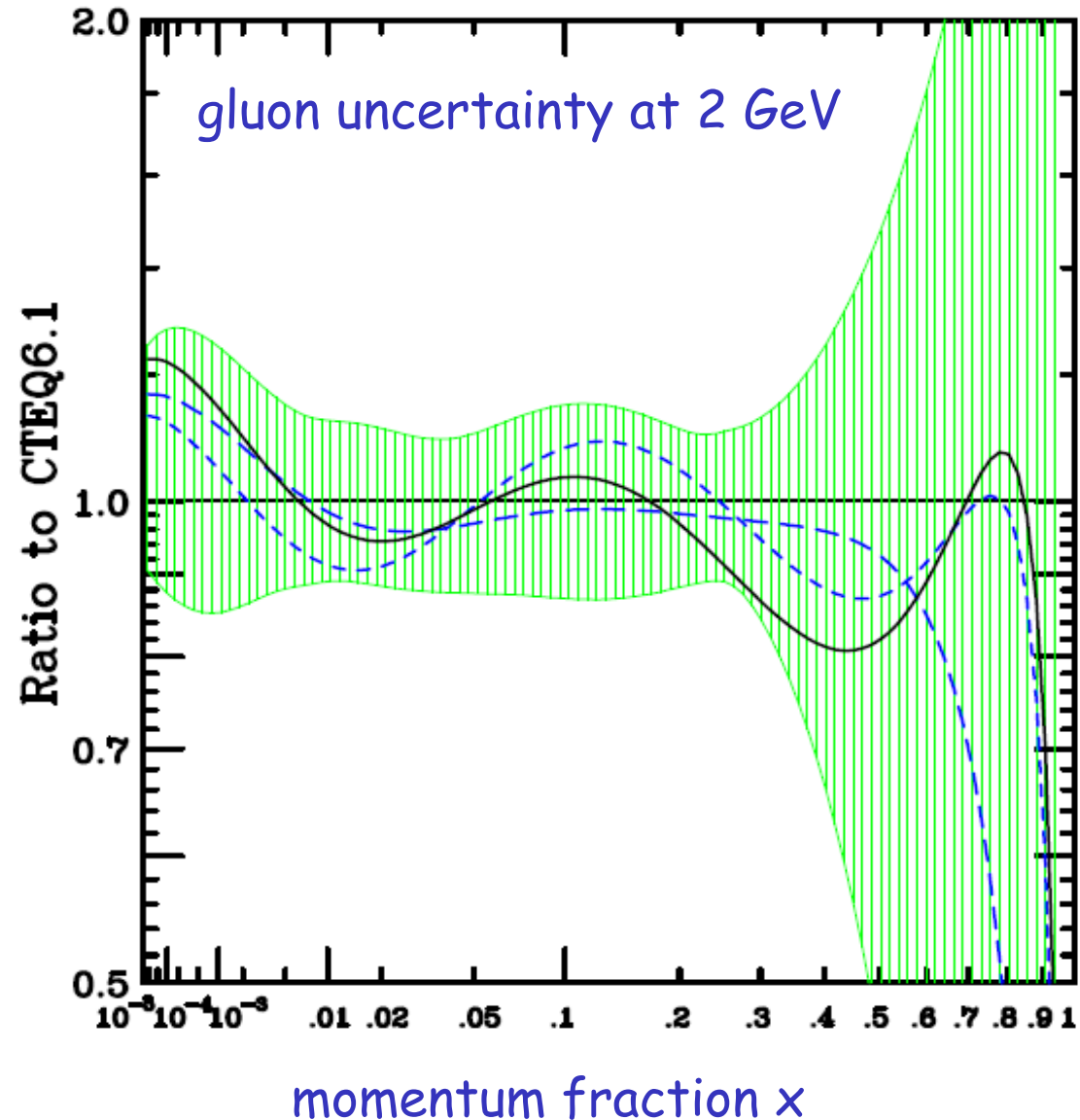


What about all
the Δg 's
in between ??

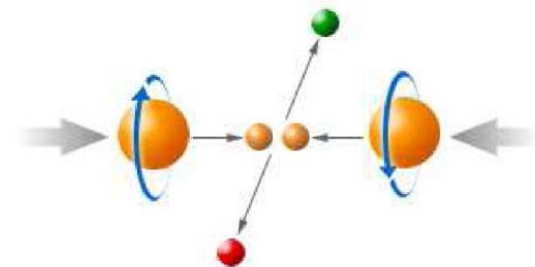
$$\Delta g/g \rightarrow \Delta g \text{ ??}$$

latest CTEQ analysis hep-ph/0611245

one should not forget
the large uncertainties
in the *unpolarized*
gluon distribution at
large x



■ towards a global analysis of
polarized parton densities



≈ 20 years of experience in analyzing unpolarized data:

DFLM, ... , GRV, MT, MRS, ... , MSTW, CTEQ, ...



learning about nucleon structure requires a global QCD analysis

**even more true for the spin structure
due to lack of "HERA-like" DIS data**

none of the current analyses is a full global analysis

global analysis

unpolarized pdfs: CTEQ, MRST

- gluon constrained by scaling-violations
- 2nd moment constrained (mom. sum)
- pp data only for fine-tuning pdfs

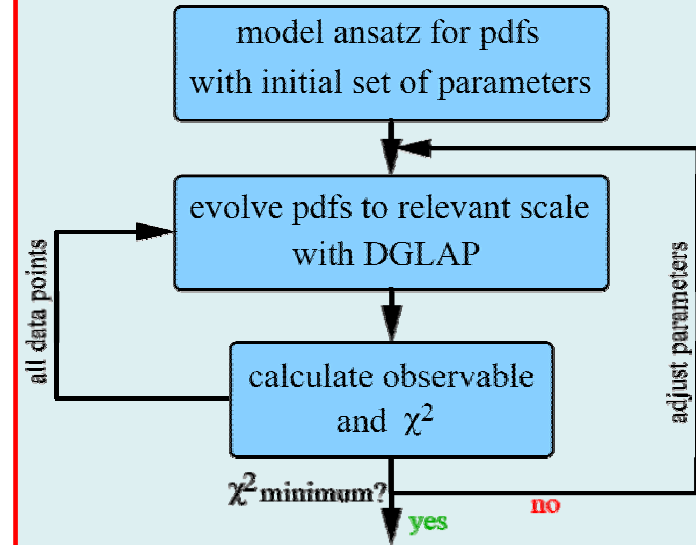
K-factor approx., etc. often reasonable

polarized pdfs: *completely different situation!*

- gluon largely unconstrained by existing DIS data
- no momentum sum rule; pol. pdfs can have nodes
- pp data determine Δg and other aspects of pdfs

full NLO global analysis mandatory; no approximations

outline of pdf analysis:



a way to do it: Mellin technique

earlier ideas: Berger, Graudenz,
Hampel, Vogt; Kosower

goal: handle exact NLO expressions in a fast global χ^2 analysis

idea: use Mellin n -moments to get rid of slow multi-convolutions

$$\hookrightarrow h^n \equiv \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} h(x) \xrightarrow[\text{factorize}]{\text{convolutions}} (g \otimes h)^n = g^n h^n$$

example: $pp \rightarrow \pi X$

$$d\Delta\sigma = \sum_{abc} \int \Delta f_a \Delta f_b d\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow cX} D_c dx_a dx_b dz_c$$

express pdfs by their
Mellin inverses

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_n} dn x_a^{-n} \Delta f_a^n$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_m} dm x_b^{-m} \Delta f_b^m$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \sum_{abc} \int_{\mathcal{C}_n} dn \int_{\mathcal{C}_m} dm \Delta f_a^n \Delta f_b^m \int x_a^{-n} x_b^{-m} d\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow cX} D_c dx_a dx_b dz_c$$

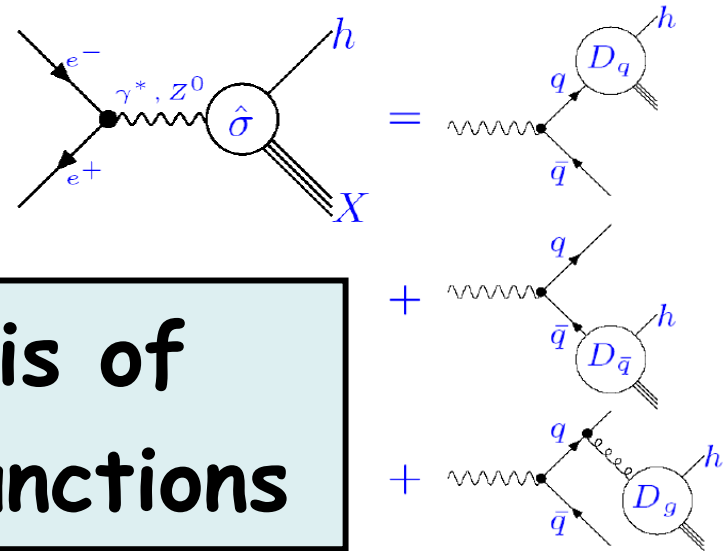
$\int_{\mathcal{C}_n} dn \int_{\mathcal{C}_m} dm \Delta f_a^n \Delta f_b^m$ standard Mellin inverse	fit	$\int x_a^{-n} x_b^{-m} d\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow cX} D_c dx_a dx_b dz_c$ $\equiv d\Delta \tilde{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow cX}(n, m)$ can be pre-calculated on grids!
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with latest data from RHIC a
global analysis starts to make sense ...

the work just started ...

D. de Florian, R. Sassot, MS, W. Vogelsang

in the long-run a CTEQ-like collaboration is desirable



■ 1st global QCD analysis of fragmentation functions

(also an important stress test of the Mellin technique !!)

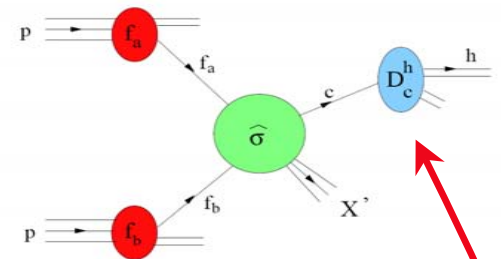
in collaboration with
 D. de Florian & R. Sassot
 hep-ph/0703242 (PRD)

precise knowledge of fragmentation functions
crucial for interpretation & understanding
of RHIC results and QCD in general

unpolarized pp cross sections are an important baseline for

- studies of saturation effects in dAu and AuAu collisions
- our understanding of A_{LL} and the extraction of, e.g., Δg

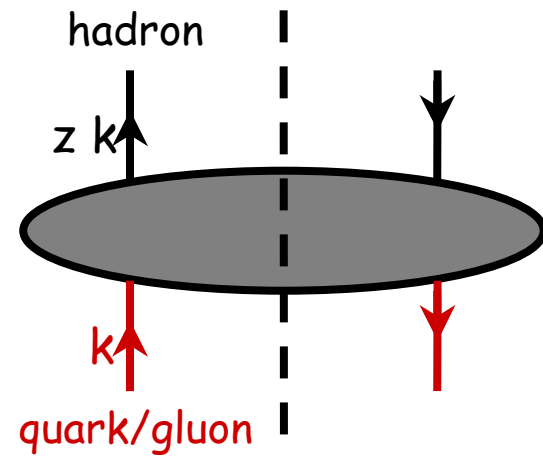
RHIC also puts fundamental ideas to the test



- fragmentation as fundamental as nucleon structure
- factorization and universality of fragmentation functions

some properties of $D(z, \mu)$

- **non-perturbative universal** objects
scale μ -dep. predicted by pQCD
 - needed to consistently absorb final-state collinear singularities like, e.g., in $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ ("**factorization**")
 - describe the *collinear* transition of a massless parton "i" into a massless hadron "h" carrying fractional momentum z
 - bi-local operator: $D(z) \simeq \int dy^- e^{iP^+ / zy^-} \text{Tr} \gamma^+ \langle 0 | \psi(y^-) | hX \rangle \langle hX | \bar{\psi}(0) | 0 \rangle$
Collins, Soper '81, '83
- no inclusive final-state
→ no local OPE → **no lattice formulation**



previous analyses

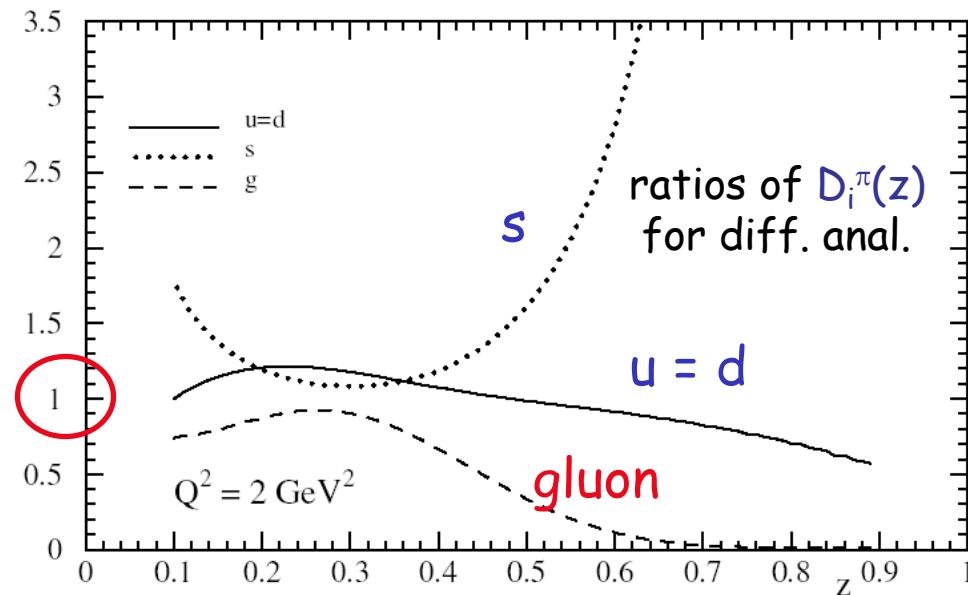
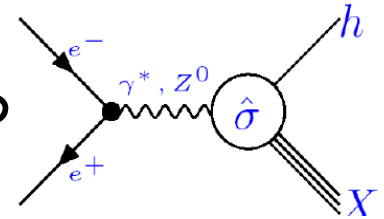
Kretzer; Kniehl et al.; Hirai et al.

- based only on e^+e^- annihilation data from LEP
- many shortcomings

results of analyses differ wildly,
at scales μ relevant for RHIC

- gluon fragmentation ??
- flavor separation ??

often trouble in describing
pp and ep hadron data



key question:

can we arrive at a global description of all e^+e^- , ep, and pp data
in terms of a *universal set* of fragmentation functions?

new analysis collaboration formed:

D. de Florian,
R. Sassot, MS

goal: provide NLO (and LO) D_i^h for π^\pm , K^\pm , p , h^\pm , Λ , η , ...
and estimate their uncertainties

✓ ✓
prel.
results

analysis setup:

use technology spin-offs & experience from pdf analyses

- "Mellin technique" to handle exact NLO expressions in fits
- "Lagrange multiplier" technique to estimate uncertainties
- fast & well-tested DGLAP evolution codes
- vast array of NLO calculations for ep and pp at hand



○ input scale for evolution: $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$

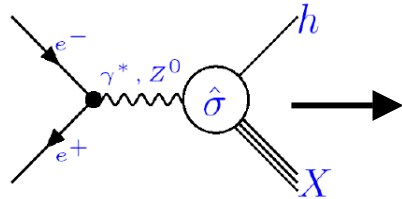
○ $D_i(z, \mu) = N z^\alpha (1-z)^\beta [1 + \gamma (1-z)^\delta]$ for $i = u, d, s$; $i = g, c, b$ w/o [...],
allow for small isospin violations

○ fit exp. normalizations within quoted uncertainties

Σ: 23 parameters

global analysis includes

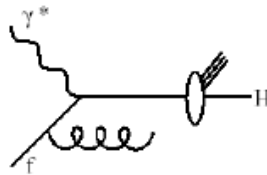
- **e^+e^- annihilation data** (as in all previous analyses a la **AKK, KKP, Kretzer**)



normalized distribution $\frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \frac{d\sigma^h}{dz}$ where $z \equiv \frac{2P^h \cdot q}{Q^2} = \frac{2E^h}{Q}$

precise data at $Q=M_Z \rightarrow D_\Sigma$ well determined; D_g weakly constrained

- **ep semi-incl. DIS hadron multiplicities (new)**



$$\frac{d\sigma^h}{dx dQ^2 dz^h} \approx \sum_{f=q,\bar{q}} e_f^2 f(x, \mu_f) D_f^h(z^h, \mu'_f) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

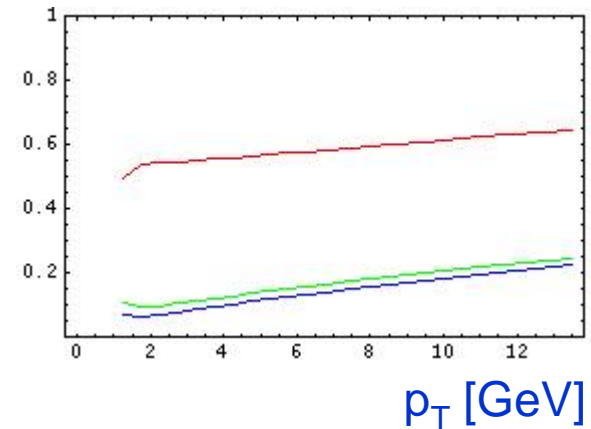
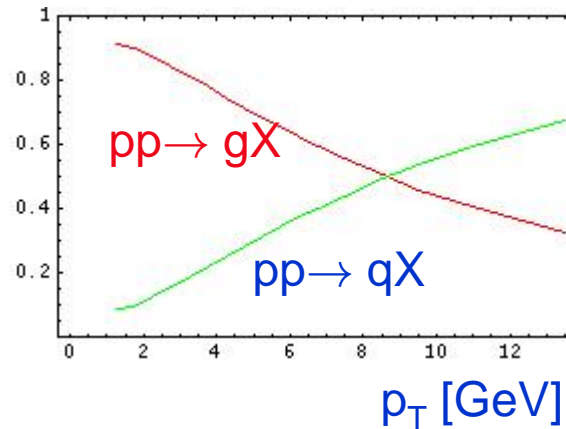
data for $\pi^+, \pi^-, K^+, K^-, \dots \rightarrow$ flavor separation possible

- **pp hadron production data (new)**

data from CERN-SPS, TeVatron, RHIC $\rightarrow D_g$ and flavor separation

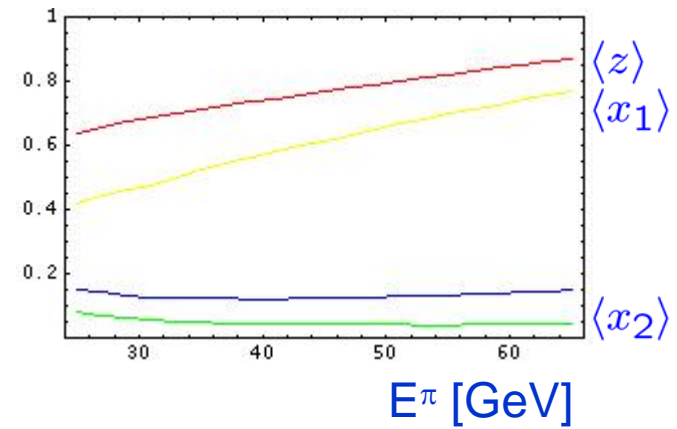
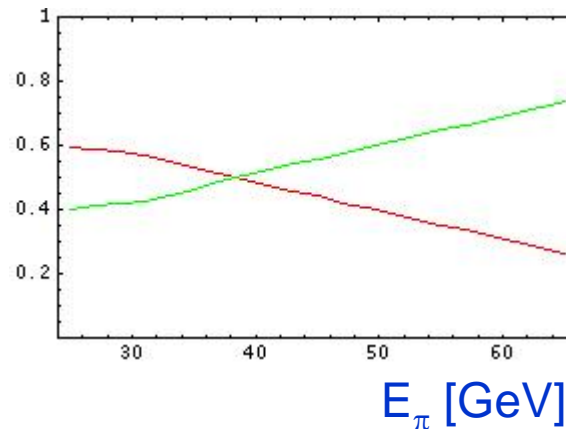
relevance of RHIC $pp \rightarrow hX$ data

central rapidity



→ low p_T data probe **gluon fragmentation**

forward rapidity



→ probe **gluon and quark fragmentation at large z**

BRAHMS π^\pm , K^\pm data ($\eta \simeq 3$) → **flavor separation from pp data**

as for all previous analyses:

untagged & flavor tagged

excellent description of all e^+e^- data

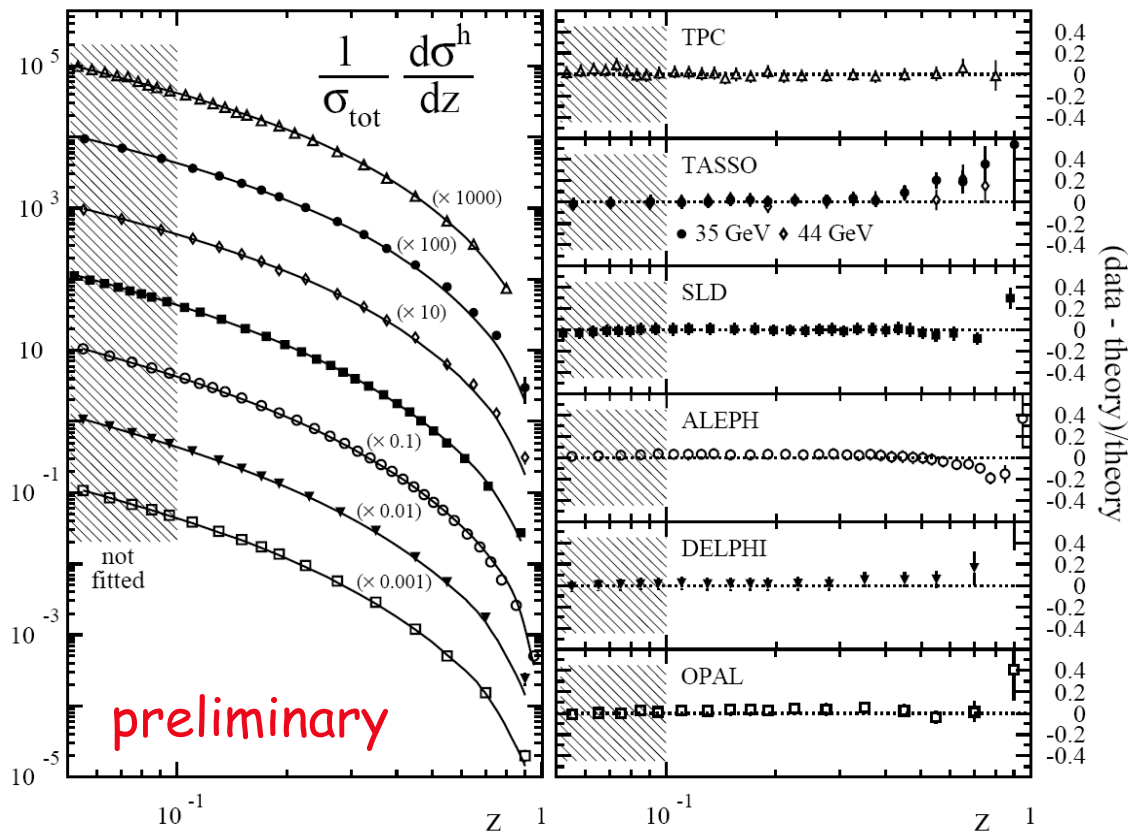
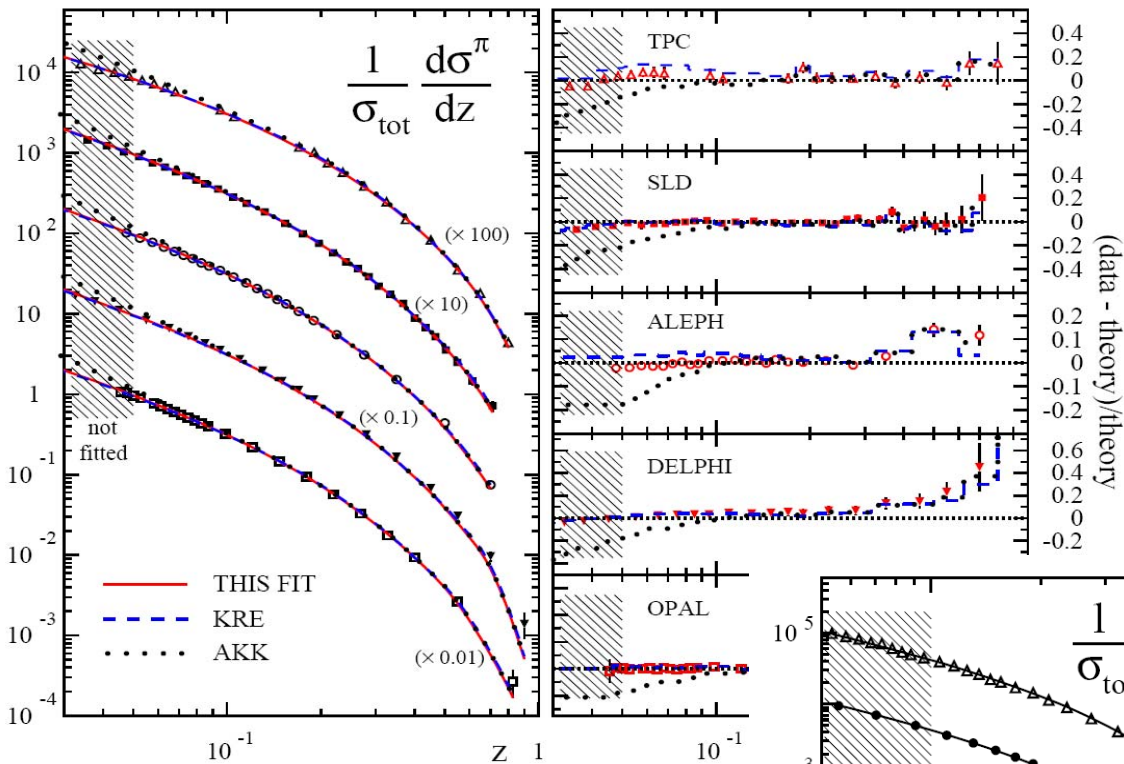
for pions, kaons, protons, charged hadrons

published

sneak preview
(to be published soon)

pions

charged hadrons



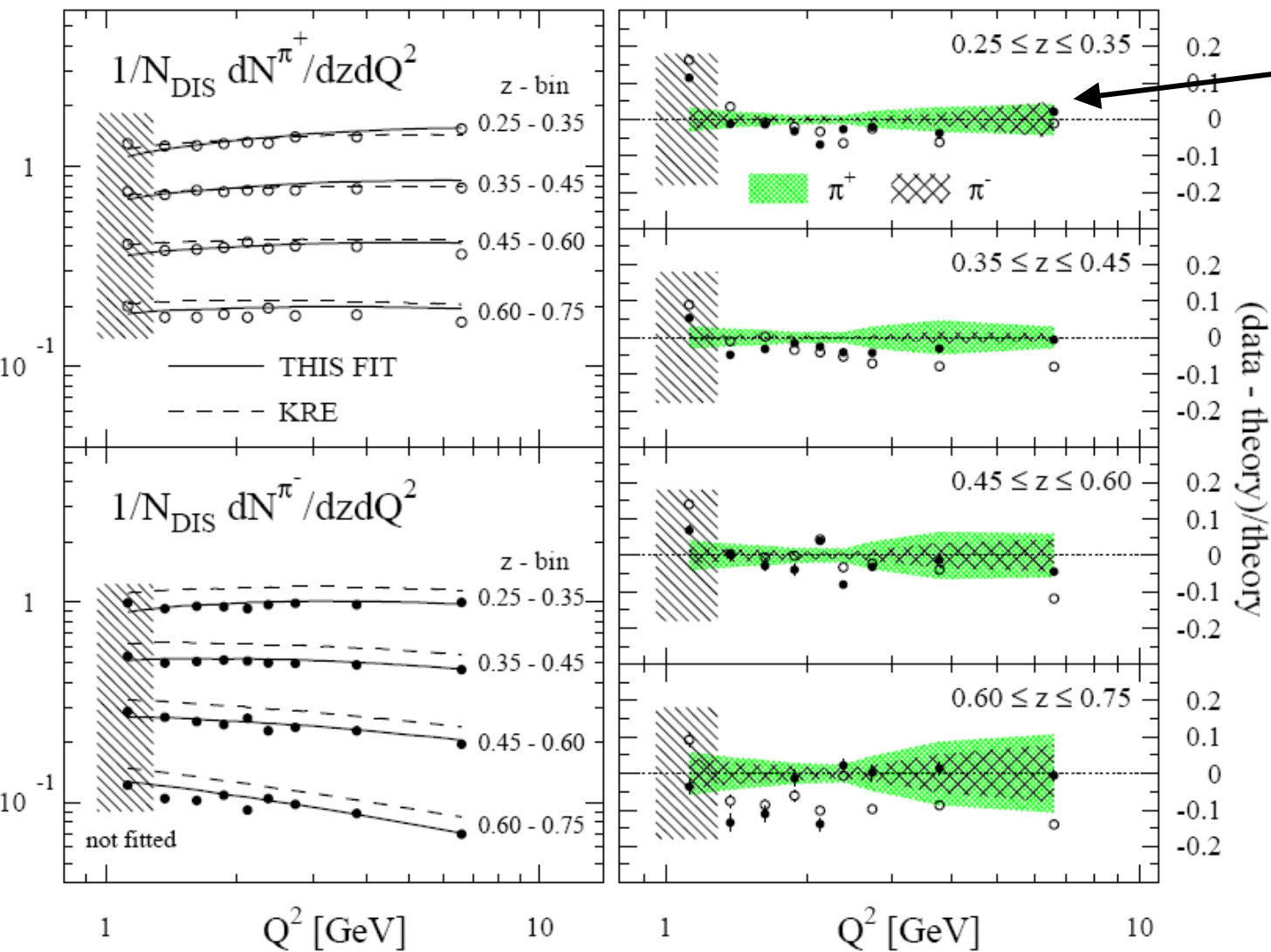
beyond that:

good global description of **all** ep and pp data

some examples ...

HERMES π^\pm multiplicities

similarly for HERMES K^\pm
and EMC h^\pm data



shaded bands:
our estimate of
"Q²-bin effects"

previous fits:

KKP, AKK:
of no use!
(no charge sep.)

Kretzer:
 π^\pm, h^\pm O.K.
 K^\pm bad descrip.

some comparisons with RHIC data

STAR forward pions

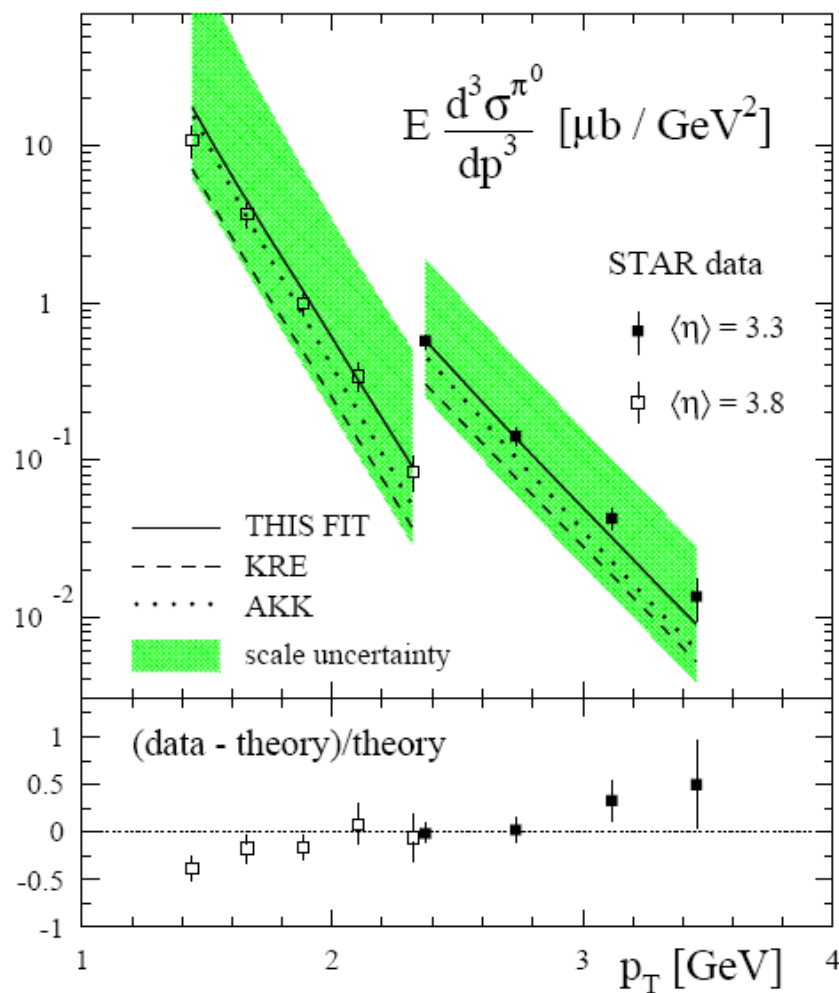
general trend for all pp (and $p\bar{p}$) data:

all data described by scale choice $\mu = p_T$

scale uncertainties are very sizable

"Kretzer" always too low for $\mu = p_T$

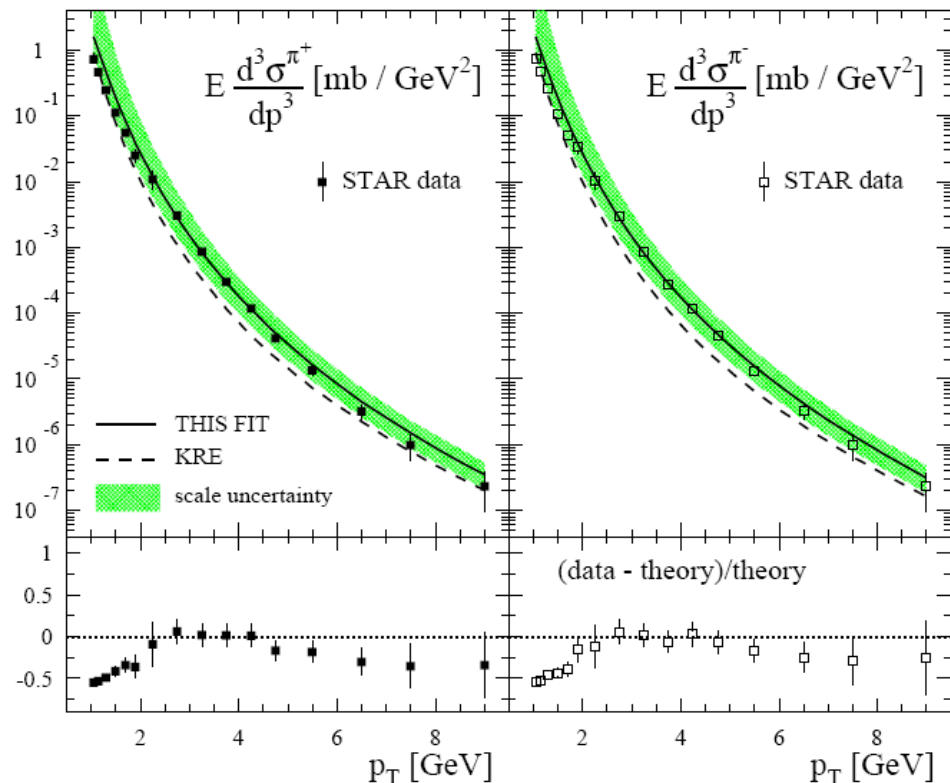
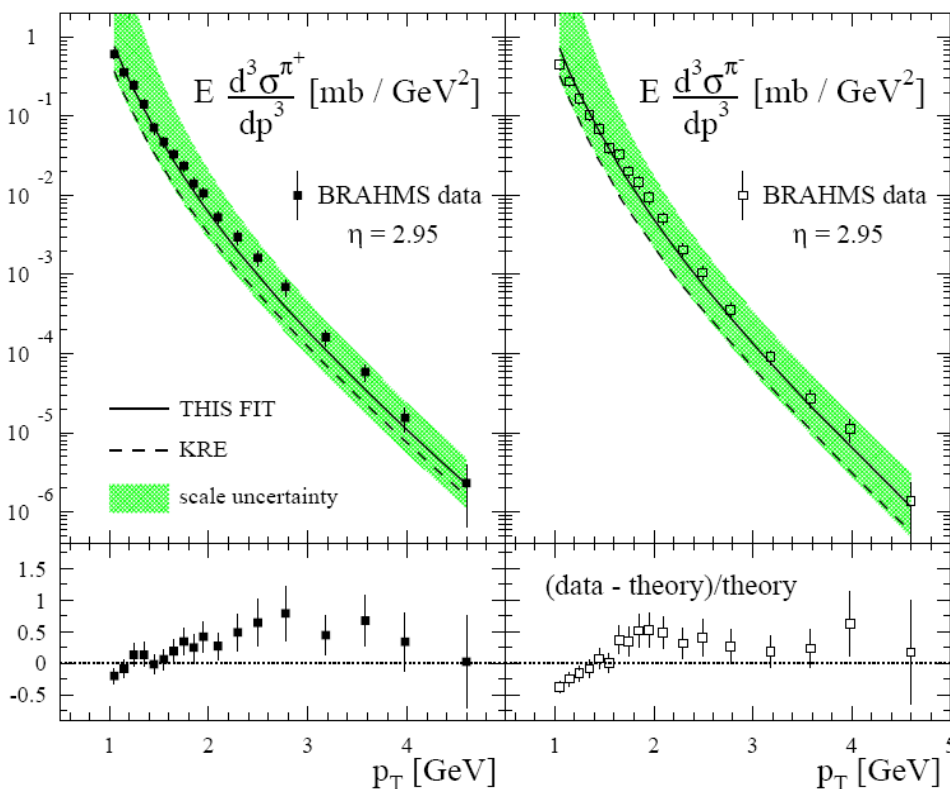
some data sets are mutually contradictory
(mainly some UA1 data sets for h^\pm)



charge separated π^\pm

STAR

central rapidities



BRAHMS

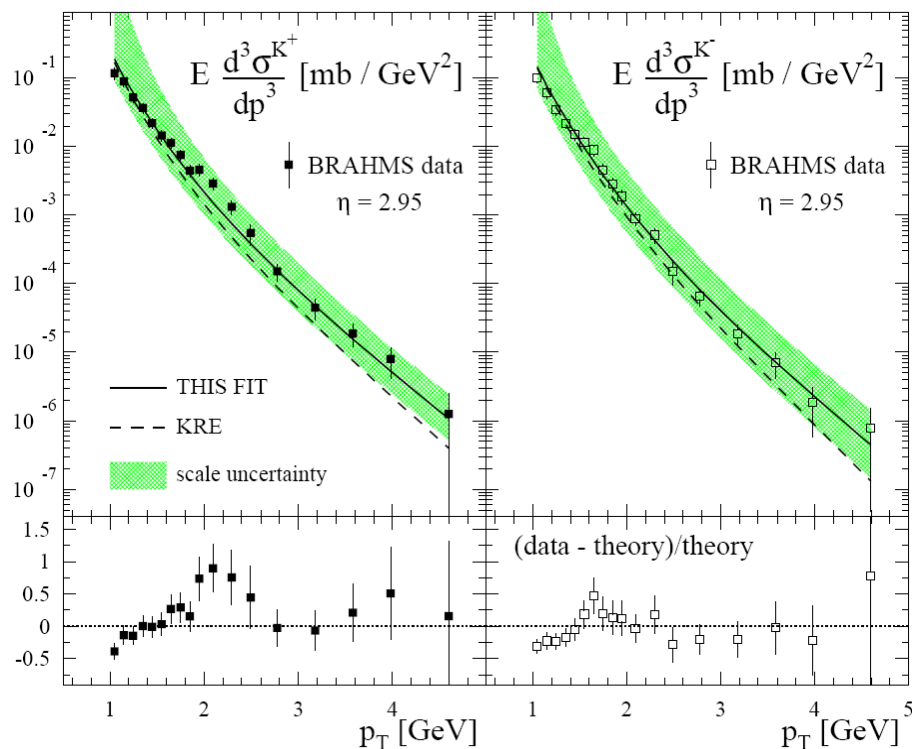
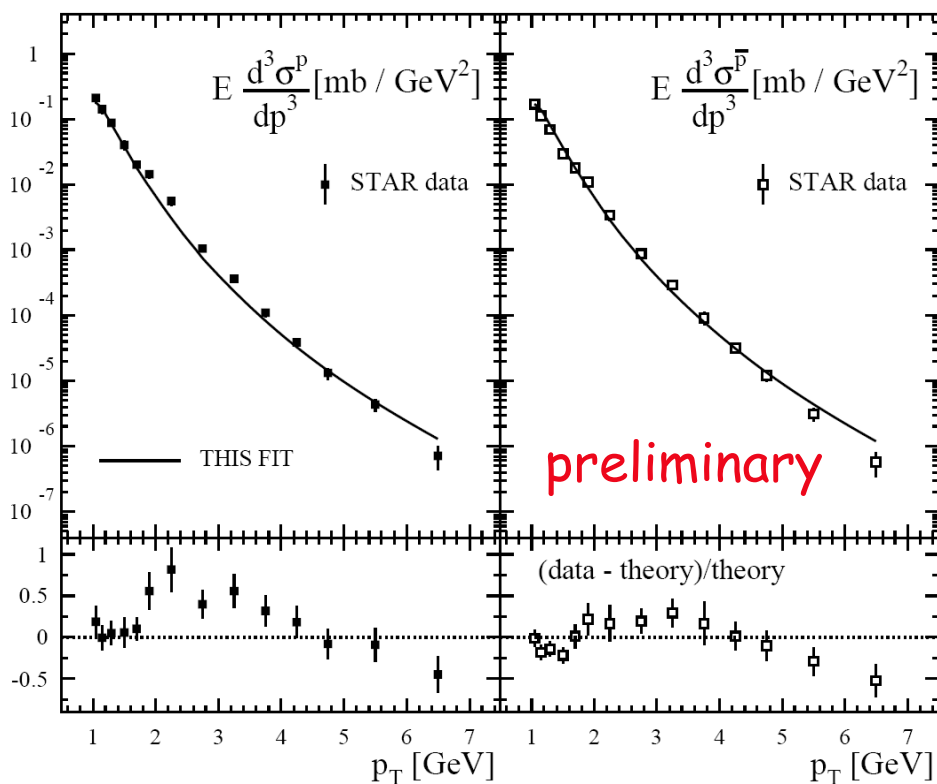
forward rapidities

charge separated data

K^\pm

BRAHMS

forward rapidities



STAR

central rapidities

p, \bar{p}

what have we learned?

important test of universality and factorization *plus*
much reduced uncertainties thanks to pp and ep data!

pioneering work by
CTEQ collaboration

two methods to explore uncertainties:

- “Hessian method” $[\delta D]^2 = \Delta\chi^2 \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial D}{\partial a_i} H_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial D}{\partial a_j}$

assumes that χ^2 -profile is quadratic in all parameters a_i ;
uncertainties propagate linearly to observables

not always
reliable!

- “Lagrange multiplier method” $\Phi(\lambda_i, a_j) = \chi^2(a_j) + \sum_i \lambda_i O_i(a_j)$

probes uncertainties in observables O_i *directly*, straightforward to implement

steps: minimize for $\lambda_i = 0 \rightarrow$ “best fit” with χ_0^2 , parameters $a_j^0, O_i(a_j^0)$

explore χ^2 -profile for various **fixed** $\lambda_i \neq 0$ (=force values of O_i)

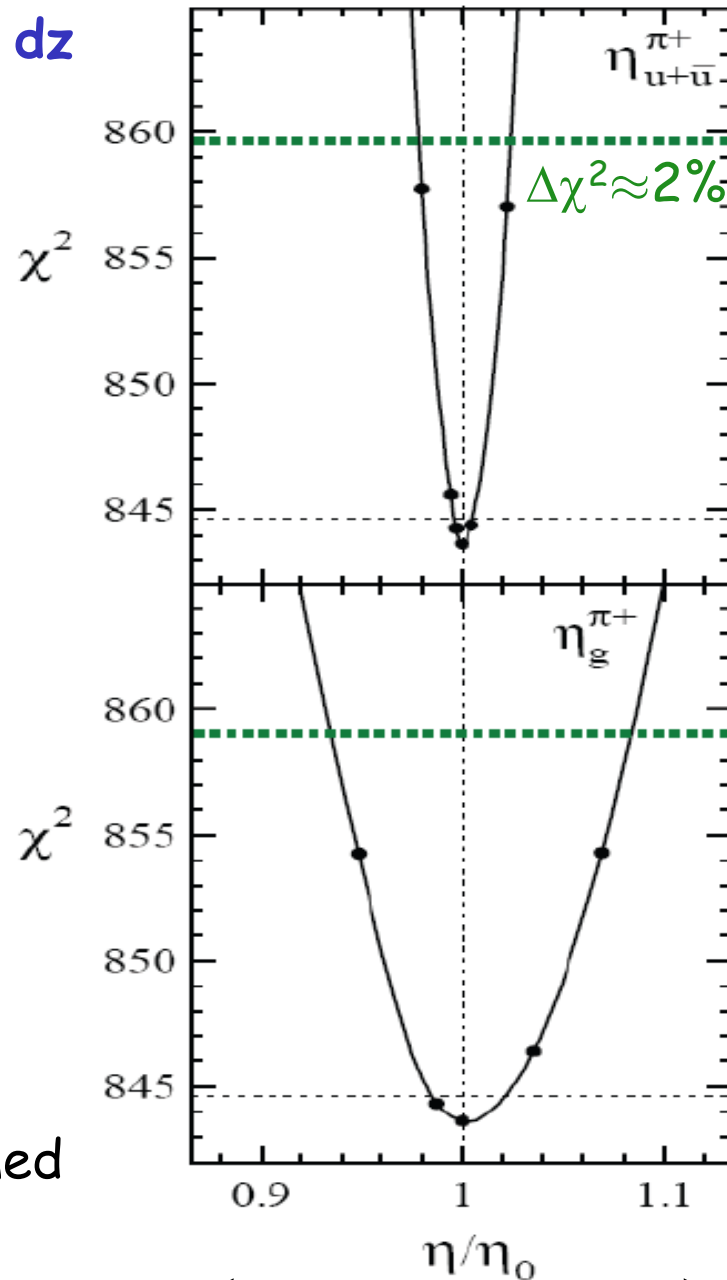
ideal case: parabolic profiles, $\Delta\chi^2=1$ for 1σ errors

in practice: unaccounted errors, $\Delta\chi^2=1 - 2\%$ more appropriate

χ^2 - profiles for $\eta_i = \int_{0.2}^1 z D_i(z, \mu) dz$
 $\mu = 5 \text{ GeV}$

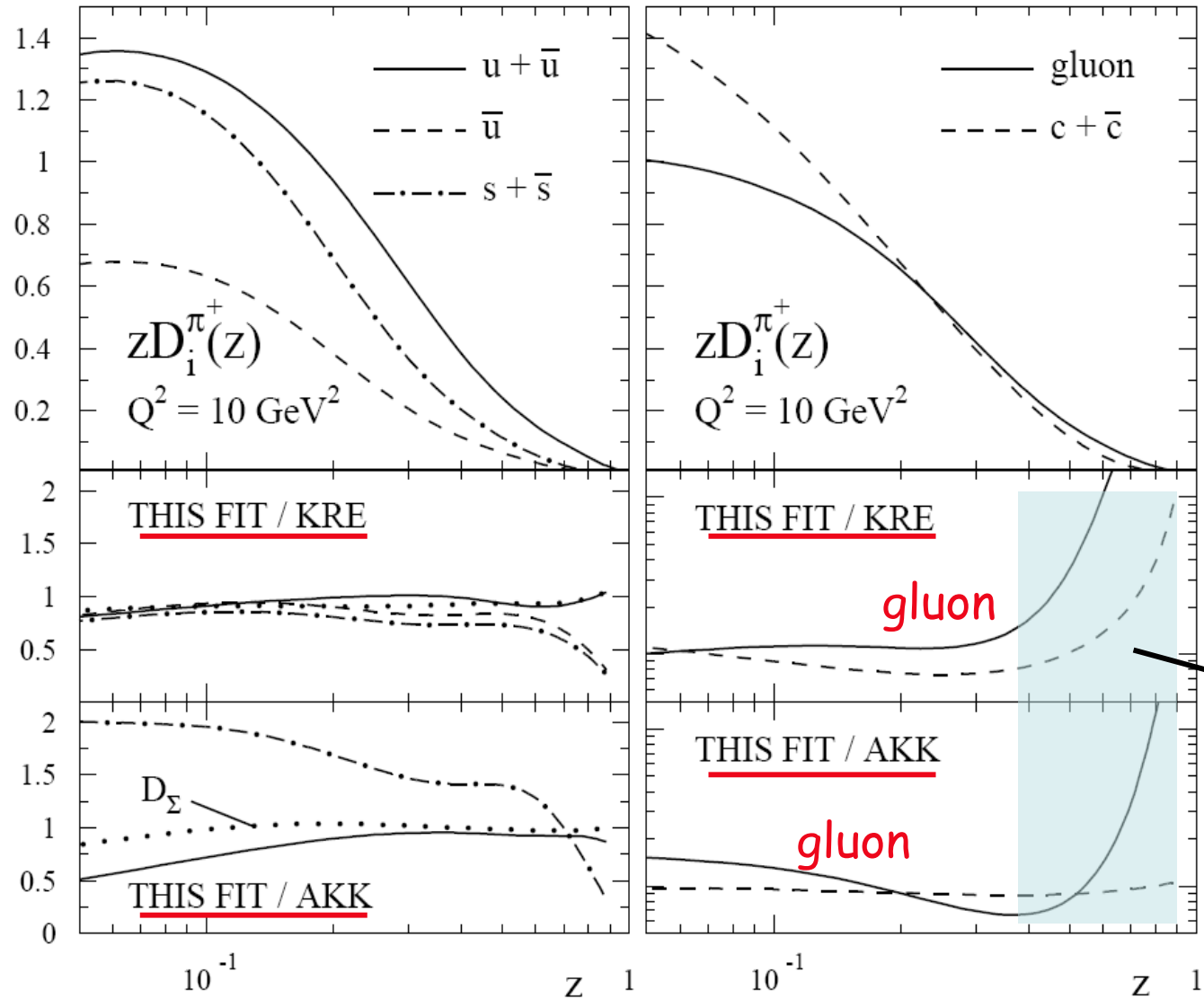
we find: (using $\Delta\chi^2 \approx 2\%$)

- $u_{\text{tot}} \rightarrow \pi^+$ constrained best
 about 3% uncertainty
 e^+e^- data alone do a good job
- $g \rightarrow \pi^+$ uncertainty $\approx 8\%$
 much weaker constraint
 from using only e^+e^- ($\approx 20\%$)
- complementary information from
 different processes always leads
 to well defined minima
- kaon fragmentation is less well determined



forcing values other than best fit

comparison with KRE & AKK



overall:
new π fit closer to
Kretzer than AKK
for quarks

z -range of
RHIC pp data

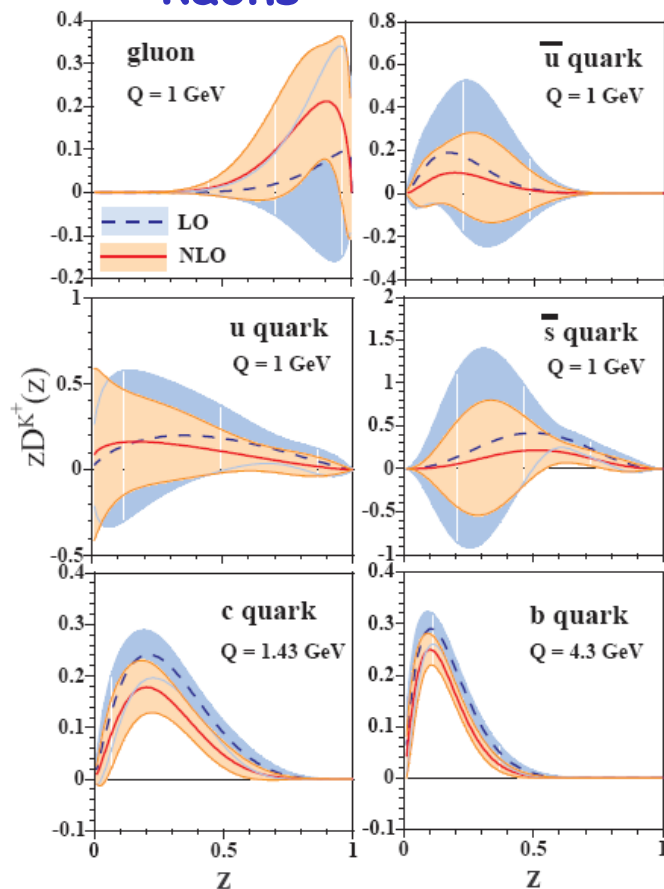
recent e^+e^- analysis

Hirai, Kumano,
Nagai, Sudoh
PRD75(2007)094009

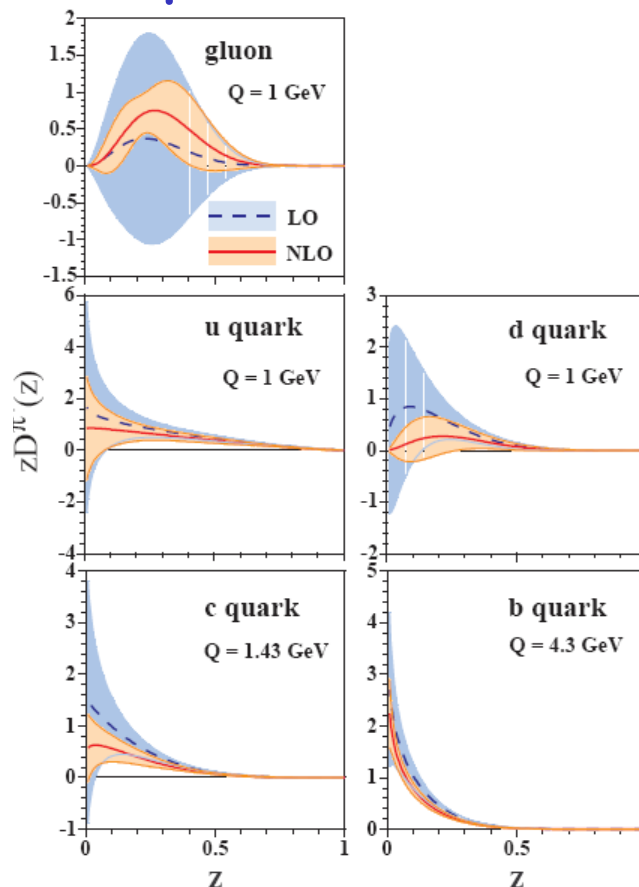
pions, kaons and protons analyzed; uncertainties estimated

with Hessian method

kaons



pions

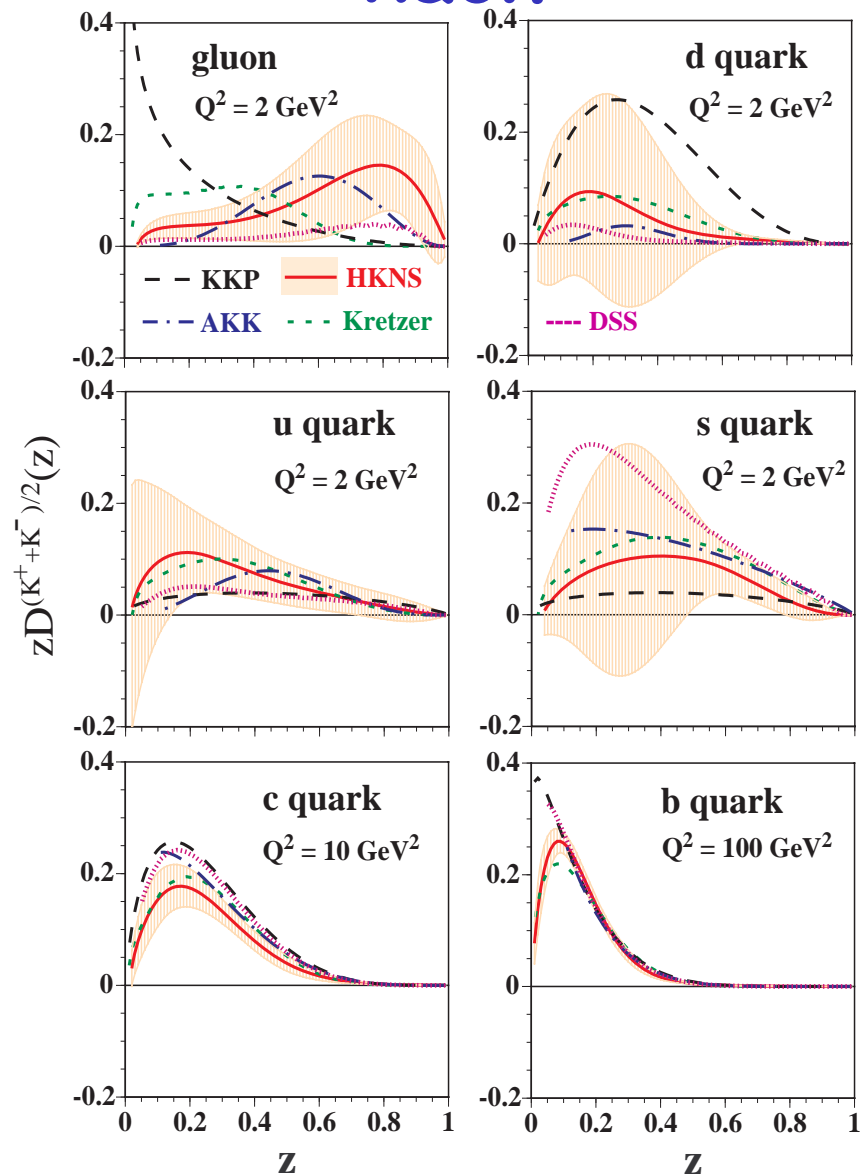


important step:

- quantifies uncertainty known from comparing xKK with "Kretzer"
- **but** errors extend to unphysical region
→ neg. pp cross sec.??
- D_g^π looks small
→ RHIC pp data ??
- *assumes* sym. sea D_{sea}^π

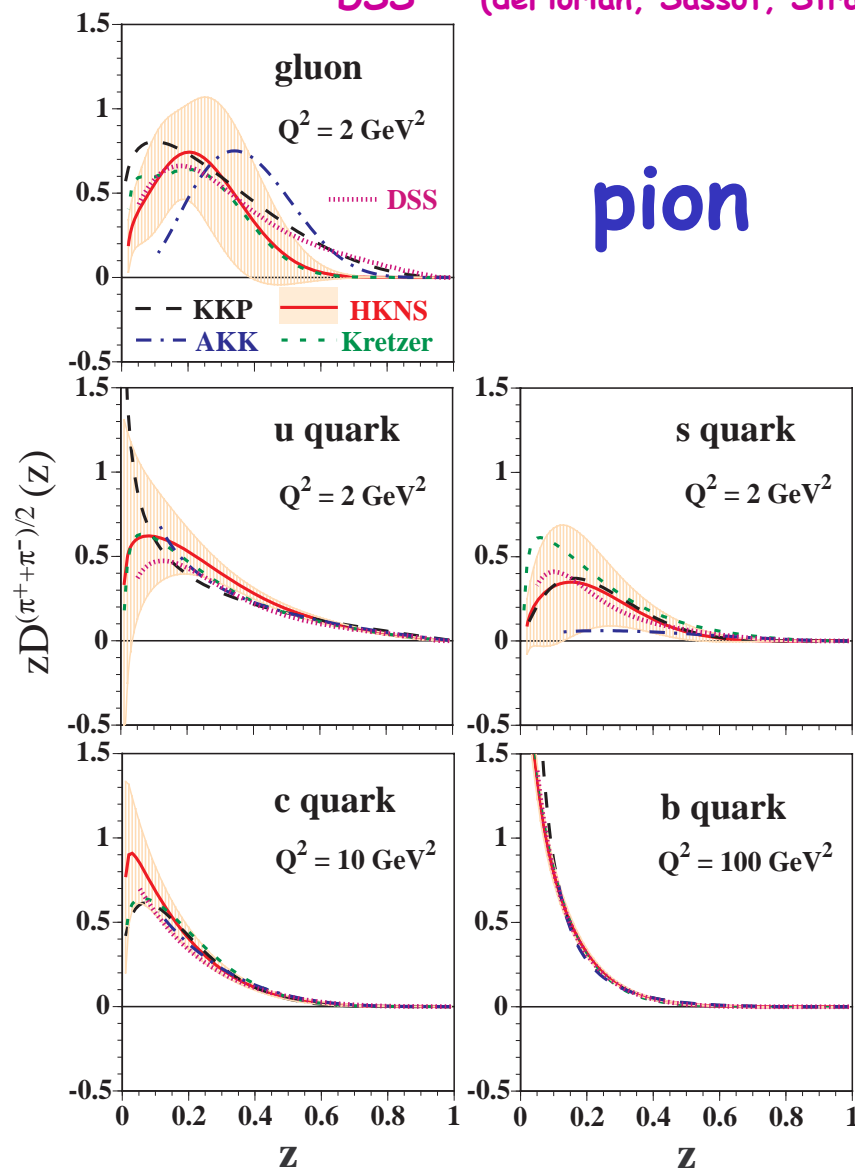
comparison (by K. Sudoh)

kaon



HKNS (Hirai, Kumano, Nagai, Sudoh)
 Kretzer
 KKP (Kniehl, Kramer, Potter)
 AKK (Albino, Kniehl, Kramer)
 DSS (deFlorian, Sassot, Stratmann)

pion



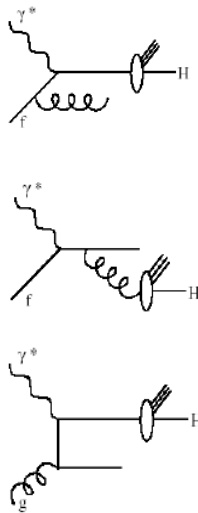
future possibilities/needs for $D(z, \mu)$

- **RHIC/RHIC-II** more luminosity (high p_T hadrons) will yield better bounds
- **e^+e^- (BELLE)** analyze precision measurements of identified hadrons
 → gluon fragmentation D_g from scaling violations in e^+e^-
- **eRHIC** possible precision studies of (polarized) semi-inclusive DIS

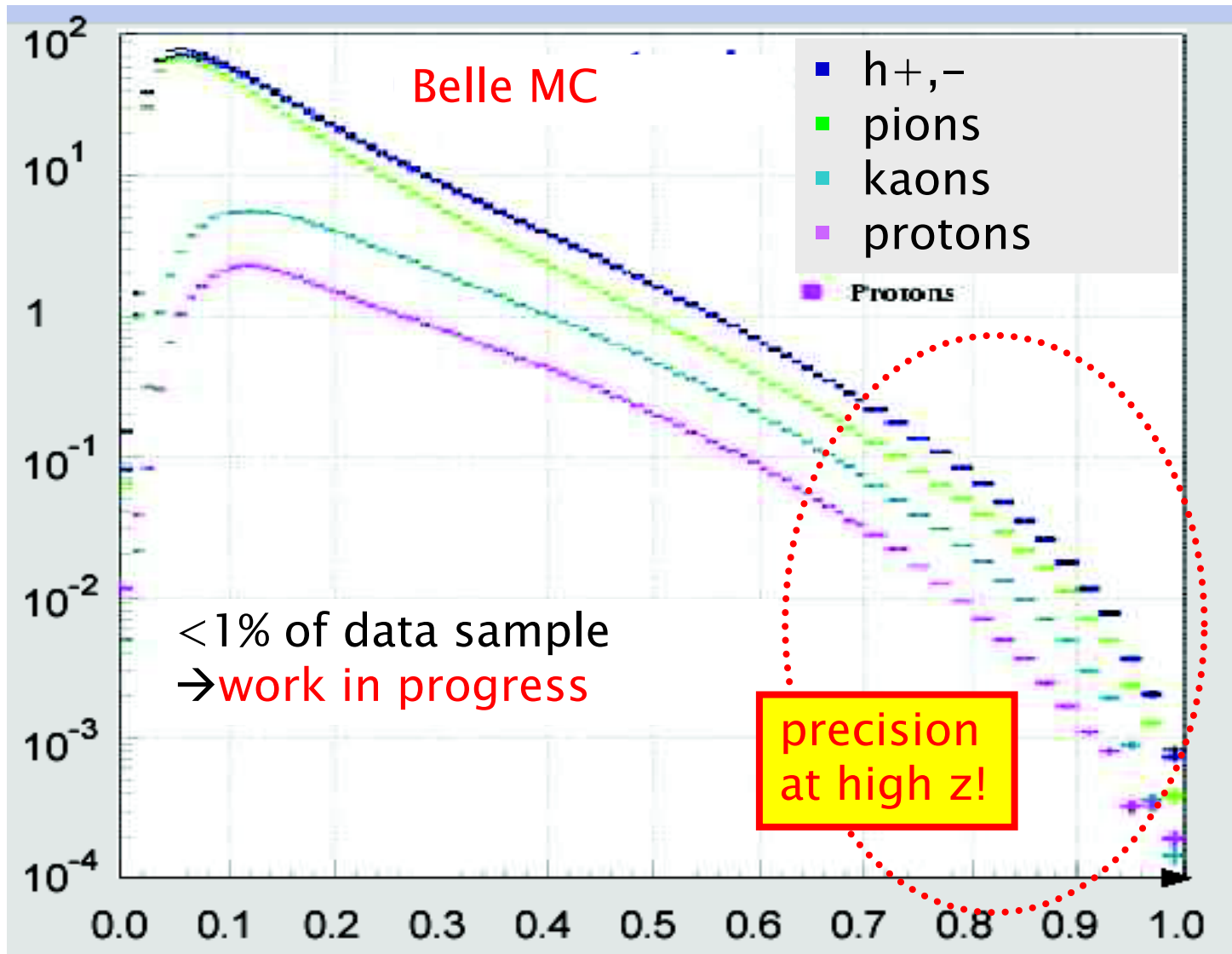
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charge separated data for $\pi^+, \pi^-, K^+, K^-, \dots$

→ flavor separation at higher (safer) Q^2



what can be expected from BELLE



summary & conclusions



found at homepage of R.D. Ball (Edinburgh)